

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

A ball retrieval device, particularly for integration in a tennis racket, comprises a rotatable spool with a  
5 longitudinally movable carriage arranged thereon. Through rotation of the spool, a rubber-elastic thread element can be wound up on the latter resp. unwound therefrom, said carriage providing a well-tuned process with maximum compactness of the turns. To this end, the surface of said  
10 spool is provided with a helical groove in which said thread element is laid.

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(Figure 1)